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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1046

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF A "NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY".

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, pioneering men and women in Arizona, known as cowboys, helped
2 establish the American West; and

3 Whereas, the cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage, compassion,
4 respect, a strong work ethic and patriotism; and

5 Whereas, the cowboy spirit exemplifies strength of character, sound
6 family values and good common sense; and

7 Whereas, the cowboy archetype transcends ethnicity, gender, geographic
8 boundaries and political affiliation; and

9 Whereas, the cowboy is an excellent steward of the land and its
10 creatures; and

11 Whereas, the cowboy lives off the land and works to protect and enhance
12 the environment; and

13 Whereas, cowboy traditions have been part of the American culture for
14 generations; and

15 Whereas, the cowboy continues to be an important part of the economy,
16 through the work of approximately seven hundred twenty-seven thousand
17 ranchers in all fifty states, and contributes to the well-being of nearly
18 every county in the nation; and

19 Whereas, annual attendance at professional and working ranch rodeo
20 events exceeds twenty-seven million fans, and the rodeo is the seventh most
21 watched sport in the nation; and

22 Whereas, membership and participation in rodeo and other organizations
23 that promote and encompass the livelihood of the cowboy spans race, gender
24 and generations; and

25 Whereas, the cowboy is a central figure in literature, film and music
26 and occupies a central place in the public imagination; and

27 Whereas, the cowboy is an American icon; and

28 Whereas, the ongoing contributions made by cowboys and cowgirls to
29 their communities should be recognized and encouraged.

30 Therefore

31 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
32 Representatives concurring:

33 1. That the members of the Legislature express support for the
34 designation of a "National Day of the Cowboy" and encourage the people of the
35 United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

36 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
37 of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
38 of the United States House of Representatives and each member of the Arizona
39 Congressional Delegation.